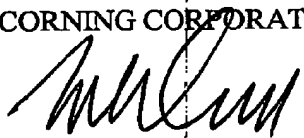


## Section c.) Remarks.

This is in response to the Decision on Appeal dated July 22, 2003. The original Claims 1-71 have been cancelled and replaced by new Claims 72-77. The new claims cover subject matter which is (i) neither shown by the prior art applied by the Examiner and/or The Board of Appeals, (ii) nor is the subject matter claimed in the parent application (now US Patent 6,022,589 dated February 8, 2000, of which the present application is a division). An early action on the merits of this Continued Examination (RCE) Application is therefore requested.

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